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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. REVIVED CAMBODIAN ICC A POSSIBILITY

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN PHNOM PENH HAS TOLD OUR EMBASSY THAT THE UK GAVE THE KHMER GOVERNMENT AN "ENCOURAGING" RESPONSE TO ITS DEMARCHE ON ICC RE-ACTIVATION. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THE UK IS READY TO DISCUSS ICC REACTIVATION " IN A CONTEXT OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS," AND ADDED THAT THIS QUALIFIER IS MEANT " SIMPLY TO RECOGNIZE THAT A REACTIVATED ICC CAN DO NOTHING AS LONG AS WIDE- SCALE COMBAT CONTINUES." (CONFIDENTIAL) PHNOM PENH 6694, 7/4.

2. PHENG AND PHOUMI TAKE TIME OUT

BOTH RLG AND LPF REPRESENTATIVES AGREE THAT NO FURTHER
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PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS MUTUAL CONCESSIONS ARE MADE ON OUTSTANDING DIFFEREN
RLG BELIEVES A DELAY IN THE TALKS MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS IN OBTAINING LPF CONCESSIONS IN VIEW OF THE CAMBODIA NEGOTIATIONS. " IF A CEASEFIRE CAN BE ARRANGED IN

CAMBODIA, THE RLG THINKS THE LAO NEGOTIATIONS WILL QUICKLY FALL INTO PLACE." (SECRET) VIENTIANE 4777, 7/5 (EXDIS).

3. BUNKER HUNT ASKS DEPARTMENT FOR HELP

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUNKER HUNT OIL COMPANY HAVE ASKED THE US GOVERNMENT (1) TO ASSIST THEM BY SENDING A NOTE TO LIBYA INDICATING THAT THE NATIONALIZATION APPEARS TO BE DISCRIMINATORY, (2) TO SUPPORT THE COMPANY' S PRIVATE ACTIONS TO BLOCK DISTRIBUTION HERE AND ABROAD OF OIL FROM THE NATIONALIZED CONCESSION, (3) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MOVEMENTS OF TANKERS FROM TOBRUK. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY TOLD THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SEND A NOTE ALONG THE REQUESTED LINES, AND WOULD STUDY WAYS OF BEING HELPFUL IN THE OTHER TWO AREAS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) STATE 131160, 7/4.

4. YEMEN MAP CAUGHT IN CONFLICT

EMBASSY SANAA BELIEVES A LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN SAUDI AND JORDANIAN ACTIVITIES COULD CREATE CONFUSION IN EFFORTS TO BRING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN. THIS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM CAN BE AVOIDED IF THE US, AS DE FACTO COORDINATOR OF THE ASSISTANCE EFFORT, IS CLEAR IN ITS OWN MIND ON HOW MATTERS SHOULD PROGRESS. OUR EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THE SAUDIS MUST PLAY THE CENTRAL ROLE IN REEQUIPPING AND RETRAINING THE YEMENI ARMED FORCES WHILE THE JORDANIANS SHOULD HAVE A ROLE
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IN TRAINING, PARTICULARLY IN SCHOOLS IN JORDAN.
(SECRET) SANAA 1211, 7/4 (EXDIS).

5. YEMEN DISAPPOINTED WITH SAUDI ARMS OFFER

THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC MILITARY CHIEF HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD THAT SAUDI ARABIA OFFERED " HARDLY 25 PER CENT OF WHAT WE ASKED IN KEY WEAPONS CATEGORIES." YEMENI MILITARY LEADERS ARE CONVINCED THAT THOUGH THE SAUDIS MAY MAKE SOME GESTURES, THEY RETAIN THEIR HISTORIC PREFERENCE FOR A WEAK AND DIVIDED YEMEN. AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD BELIEVES WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT,

AS OF NOW, THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR POLICY OF URGING YEMEN TO RELY ON AREA FRIENDS RATHER THAN ON DIRECT US ASSISTANCE IS RATHER LOW. (SECRET) SANAA 1204, 7/4 (EXDIS).

6. PREPARATIONS FOR MIDDLE EAST SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE

THE BRITISH, ACCORDING TO A UK MISSION SOURCE, HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE EGYPTIANS AT THE UN THAT THEY CONSULT WITH US TO DETERMINE IF A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE SC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE CAN BE FOUND, EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE MEGUID AGREED BUT EMPHASIZED THAT EGYPT WILL NOT COMPROMISE ON THE PRINCIPLES OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. HE ADDED THAT THOUGH EGYPT DID NOT WISH TO PROVOKE A US VETO, IT WAS NOT AFRAID OF ONE. MEGUID TOLD THE UK SOURCE THAT EGYPT HAD EXPECTED LITTLE FROM THE NIXON- BREZHNEV SUMMIT, AND ITS EXPECTATIONS WERE REALIZED. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 2469, 7/3 (EXDIS). RUSH

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